SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE

PROCEEDINGS

RE: JAYNE PARSONS, RN

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
CONSENT ORDER

License No. R-020321,

Licensee.

WHEREAS, JAYNE PARSONS, RN ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds License Number R-020321; and

WHEREAS, in July, 2004, Licensee admitted that she attempted to fill a Vicodan prescription belonging to a person other than the Licensee. Licensee also admitted to diverting Vicodan for personal use from her employer, St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre, South Dakota from March 2004 through June 2004. At that time, Licensee had received inpatient services from Keystone Treatment Center and had signed a Participation Agreement and enrolled in the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP").

Licensee appeared before the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") on September 16, 2004, to answer questions regarding her diversion. The Board thereafter entered into a Stipulation and Order for Probation dated September 16, 2004, with Licensee mandating her to three years of probation with terms and conditions to be set by HPAP. Licensee agreed to the terms and conditions of this probation.

In early August, 2005, Licensee was arrested on charges of obtaining a controlled substance by theft and unauthorized possession of a controlled substance. These charges arose from the Licensee making personal visits to an elderly Pierre woman who was a patient of the clinic where Licensee had been employed, and diverting Vicodan from the woman; and

WHEREAS, Licensee has agreed that she would surrender her South Dakota nursing license; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Nursing has a statutory obligation to protect the public health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL § 36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners; and

WHEREAS, Licensee agrees that the matters under investigation would be of a nature that would constitute grounds for the discipline of her license to practice nursing in South Dakota under SDCL § 36-9-49; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee agrees that she enters into this Voluntary Surrender

Consent Order voluntarily and without duress or compulsion, in full understanding of the

legal consequences of this document and her rights; therefore,

ITS IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order.
- 2. That in July, 2004, Licensee admitted that she attempted to fill a Vicodan prescription belonging to a person other than the Licensee; Licensee also admitted to

diverting Vicodan for personal use from her employer, St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre, South Dakota from March 2004 through June 2004. At that time, Licensee had received inpatient services from Keystone Treatment Center and had signed a Participation Agreement and enrolled in the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP").

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3. That the Licensee has been given an opportunity to discuss this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order with an attorney of Licensee's choice, and is aware of her right to a hearing in this matter, and of her rights under the United States and South Dakota Constitutions, laws, rules and/or regulations. Licensee hereby voluntarily waives all such rights to a hearing, notice, appearance, or any other rights under said Constitutions, laws, rules and/or regulations. Licensee also agrees that the Board's Executive Secretary or her designee may present this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order to the Board and disclose

to the Board all items of her investigation, including, but not limited to, any communications with Licensee.

- 4. That the Licensee's license to practice nursing in South Dakota shall be surrendered and the Board shall suspend said license for an indefinite period from the date of this Order. Licensee may apply to have her license reinstated for good cause shown.
- 5. That nothing in this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order should imply that the Licensee shall be reinstated. Licensee recognizes that the reinstatement terms, as well as the requirements for reinstatement, are at the sole discretion of the Board.
- 6. That if the Licensee requests reinstatement, Licensee has the burden of presenting information showing that Licensee's license should be reinstated.
- 7. That it is further stipulated and agreed that this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order is being entered into voluntarily by the Licensee and without threats or coercion and is entered into after the Licensee has been given ample opportunity to consider these matters and to discuss this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order with an attorney of Licensee's choice and that the Licensee has a full understanding of the legal consequences of this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order and of the Licensee's rights to a formal hearing on these matters, which rights are hereby waived by the signing of this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order.
- 8. That the Board may enter an Order consistent with the terms of this Stipulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing Voluntary Surrender Consent Order is entered into and is respectfully submitted to the Board with the request that the Board adopt its terms as an Order of the Board in the above matter.

Dated this May of November, 2005.

and issued its Order as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Voluntary Surrender Consent Order is adopted shown herein by the South Dakota Board of Nursing this day of Llunary 2003, by a vote of 8-0

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Secretary South Dakota Board of Nursing